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TITLE: METHOD OF, SYSTEM FOR, AND COMPUTER PROGRAM PRODUCT
FOR SCOPING THE CONVERSION OF UNICODE DATA FROM SINGLE
BYTE CHARACTER SETS, DOUBLE BYTE CHARACTER SETS, OR
MIXED CHARACTER SETS COMPRISING BOTH SINGLE BYTE AND
DOUBLE BYTE CHARACTER SETS

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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the final office action dated May 25, 2004 ("Final Office Action"), in which the Examiner rejected pending claims 1-12. On July 14, 2004, the attorney for applications and the Examiner held a phone interview discussing an amendment to the independent claims 1, 5, and 9. The Examiner indicated that such amendments would likely distinguish over the cited art and would consider entering such amendments. Applicants have amended the independent claims as discussed during the phone interview and submit that the amended claims are patentable over the cited art and in condition for allowance for the reasons discussed herein. Applicants request entry of this amendment and allowance of the claims.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5.

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